

2019 Fifth Annual Miles of Possibility Route 66 Conference

THURSDAY, OCT. 17	RYBURN PLACE, 305 Pine Street, Normal	
12:00pm-9:00pm	Registration, check in	
1:00pm-5:00pm	BN Route 66/CircusTour - Leave/Return	LIMITED SEATS. SIGN UP ONLINE.
7:00pm-9:00pm	Hot dog roast	FREE. SIGN UP ONLINE
FRIDAY, OCT. 18	UPTOWN STATION, 11 Uptown Station, Normal, 4th Floor	
8:00am-5:00pm	Registration, check-in, hospitality table - lobby	
Time	Speaker	Title
9:00am-9:15am	WELCOME	
9:30am-10:30am	Maureen Brunsdale and Mark Schmitt	<i>Circus? Bloomington-Normal - Not Just Beer Nuts and State Farm</i>
9:30am-10:30am	Anthony Arno	<i>From Classroom to Podcasts: A Teacher's Journey</i>
10:50am-11:50am	Cherie Valentine	<i>The Valentine Family of Aerialists of Bloomington, Illinois</i>
10:50am-11:50am	Bill Thomas	<i>Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership</i>
11:50am-1:30pm	LUNCH ON OWN - UPTOWN NORMAL	
1:30pm-2:30pm	Roadie Panel - Jim Livingston, Moderator Panel: Penny Black, Ron Jones, Rita Kirchoff, and Mike Wallace	<i>The View from the Road</i>
2:45pm-3:45pm	David Clark	<i>Chicago Crossroads: Where the Circus Comes to Rest</i>
2:45pm-3:45pm	Gina Lathan	<i>Route History: The Route 66 Black Experience</i>
4:05pm-5:05pm	Gamma Phi Circus (Oldest Collegiate Circus in the US) Marcus Alouan, Ivan Stoinev, Maritza Atayde	<i>Gamma Phi Circus History and the Circus Life</i>
4:05pm-5:05pm	Maureen Brunsdale and Mark Schmitt	<i>Visit ISU's Special Collections with its extensive circus collection.</i> LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS. SIGN UP ONLINE
7:00-8:00pm	ISU Alumni Center, 1101 N. Main Street, Normal KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CANDACY TAYLOR	<i>Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America</i>

SATURDAY, OCT. 19		
	UPTOWN STATION - 11 Uptown Station, Normal, 4th Floor	
8:00am-12:00pm	Registration, check-in, hospitality table - lobby	
Time	Speaker	Title
9:00am-10:00am	Jim Featherstone	<i>The Route to Internet Safety</i>
9:00am-10:00am	Wayne "Zacchini" Wright, the Human Cannonball	<i>From Gymnast to Circus Performer</i>
10:15am-11:15am	Ron Romero	<i>This is Illinois Music</i>
10:15am-11:15am	Nick Gerlich	<i>Of Desolation and Preservation: The Painted Desert Trading Post Gets a Second Lease on Life</i>
11:35am-12:35pm	Joe Sonderman	<i>Terrific Tourist Traps</i>
11:35am-12:35pm	Marian Pavel	<i>Understanding International Tourism on Route 66</i>
12:35pm-1:45pm	LUNCH ON OWN - UPTOWN NORMAL	
1:45pm-2:45pm	Jim Hinckley	<i>Murder and Mayhem on the Main Street of America: Tales from Bloody 66</i>
1:45pm-2:45pm	Luann Cadden	<i>Rediscovering Route 66 from the Lanes of I-55</i>
3:00pm-4:00pm	Geoff Ladd	<i>Reflections Along the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway</i>
3:00pm-4:00pm	Steve Gossard	<i>A Brief Circus History of Bloomington, Illinois</i>
4:15pm-5:00pm	CLOSING	
6:30pm-10:00pm	EAGLES CLUB, 313 S. Main St., Bloomington	
6:30pm-7:15pm	Dinner	
7:15pm-7:45pm	Gamma Phi Circus performance	Performance based on "The Greatest Showman"
8:00-10:00pm	Band - 3rd Street Down	

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

8:30-10:30	1305 S. Mercer Ave., Bloomington	Pay-your-own BREAKFAST , reserved tables for MOP conference
	Veterans Parkway and Mercer Avenue	(Former truck stop site on second alignment of Route 66)
	SHANNON'S FIVE STAR RESTAURANT	
11am-2pm	RYBURN PLACE, 305 Pine St., Normal	CRUISE IN at Ryburn Place, featuring Corvettes and Corvairs
		WEATHER PERMITTING